

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a washing machine comprising the steps of:

sensing a laundry amount;

~~repeatedly supplying washing water a plurality of times to a tub of the washing machine to maintain a preset level, the supplying washing water step including:~~

~~initially supplying the washing water to the tub to the preset level and stopping the initial supply of water after reaching the preset level; and~~

~~resupplying the washing water a plurality of times to the tub to maintain the preset level after the initial supplying step, each time stopping the supply of water after reaching the preset level with reference to the laundry amount sensed thus; and~~

circulating the washing water for a predetermined time period for wetting the laundry[[,]]; and

~~setting a total time period of the supplying steps according to the sensed laundry amount before the supplying steps; and~~

~~setting a time period for the circulating step according to the sensed laundry amount before the circulating step,~~

~~wherein the step of circulating is performed only once.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of circulating ~~the washing water~~ is performed after all the ~~step steps~~ of supplying ~~the washing water~~ is finished.

3-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the step of circulating washing water is performed after [[a]] ~~the step of initial supply of washing water is finished in the step of supplying washing water.~~

8. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising the step of determining a quantity of washing water to be supplied during the step of initial supply of washing water according to the laundry amount sensed before the step of supplying washing water.

9. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the step of determining a quantity of washing water includes the step of setting a total time period of the step of initial supply of washing water.

10. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the step of determining a quantity of washing water includes the step of setting a water level to be reached in the step of initial supply of washing water.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step ~~steps~~ of rotating [[the]] a drum of the washing machine ~~in the middle of the step of supplying washing water~~between each of the initial supplying step and the resupplying steps.

12. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step ~~of~~ of rotating [[the]] a drum of the washing machine after finish of the step of supplying washing water.

13. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step ~~of~~ of rotating [[the]] a drum of the washing machine during the step of circulating washing water.

14. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling a washing machine comprising the steps of:
making an initial supply of washing water for a predetermined time period;
circulating the washing water for a predetermined time period for wetting the laundry;
and
repeatedly supplying the washing water at regular intervals without the circulation of the washing water.

15. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the step of rotating the drum of the washing machine during the step of circulating washing water.

16. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the step of rotating the drum of the washing machine in alternation with the step of supplying washing water.

17. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the step of rotating the drum of the washing machine after the step of supplying washing water.

18. (New) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein each of the resupplying steps is performed after each of the rotating steps.

19. (New) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the resupplying steps is performed when the water level is lower than a second preset level which is set to be lower than the preset level.